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## C Woman Dies in Stabbing; aughter is Murder Suspect

By Will Tixard

CERRITO -- Police are g murder charges against a arrested early Monday mg after a bloody episode in ther mother died of stabb-

ched, Officer Jeff Doty, who responded to the younger arrested early Monday after asking her about the stabbing and arrested her with the help of Officer Shawn Maples.

Garver, 41, called at 2:45 a.m. Monday, asking her mother, graver's call, became suspicious after asking her about the stabbing and arrested her with the help of Officer Shawn Maples.

Garver put up no resistance, said Detective Sergeant Jack Wood, who is heading the investigation and was one of the detectives awoken and summoned when the stabbing was profusely from her ds, said Sgt. Dennis son Monday. "The mother ashed and blood was where," said Danielson, being the home in the 570 mood during the next day, while in ustody at the El Cerrito police of Central Avenue where he two lived alone.

The elder Garver was taken to John Muir Medical Center in

## Cable Viewers Can Only See Red

Si weeks later, Blofstein is still

without cable, and she is not alone. Dozens of El Cerrito residents are fuming about their problems with reception and, worse, their problems with Bay Cablevision.

"I've dealt with a lot of people on a lot of different levels and I've never been so irritated by anything in my life," Blofstein said.

Blofstein said she has encountered difficulty every step of the way. When she called the office she often got a busy signal or the phone would simply ring and

ring, she said, or she would leave messages with the answering service which were invariably never returned.

When she did get through she was told a repairperson would be at her house on a specific day. Because the problem was thought to be with the wiring inside her house she was told she would have to be home all day to let the repairperson in. Appointment after appointment was never

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## Of Honor and Survival

Key Route Boulevard was awash with red, white and blue Friday in honor of Albany's war veterans. Old Glory lined the grassy median in twin decorative rows. The flags covered a one-block area between Washington to Solano avenues, snapping in the breeze as a reminder of the survivors of wars for our country.

Albany Council Action

Officials Seek Raises

By Mandy Erickson

ALBANY - Albany city councilmembers, without a raise in 80 years, are planning to ask Albany residents once again to increase their salaries.

But first they need to ensure that enough voters show up at the polls. Last April's local election drew only 17 percent of Albany's voters, and a measure to increase councilmember salaries lost by three votes.

"It's the kind of issue that people go to vote against and not to vote for," said city council meeting.

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The council is considering asking voters to change the date of city elections, now held in April. Changing the date could put city issues on the same ballot as the county and state elections, coun-

## Kensington Weighs \$20 Clean-Up Tax

By Mendy Erickson

KENSINGTON -- Residents may have to pay a tax of \$20 a year to see their public gardens free of weeds, their paths lit and their trash cleared.

The Kensington Community Service District is considering installing a resident-funded land-scaping district for tending to public grounds.

Public areas all over town have prompted complaints from Kensingtonians about inadequate care. At the Arthington business district, weeds are poking up between the trees, flowers need watering and papers litter the ground.

The few foot paths in the area have no lighting. And the newly-planted traffic circle on Colusa Avenue is filled with flowers and shrubs that will soon require watering, weeding and pruning. "There's a lot of trash and weeds," said Rosemary Barnwell, in charge of beautification for the Kensington Improvement Club. "Joggers have ruined the cacti," she added.

Barnwell has tended the planted areas with help from other members of the club. But the work is too much to ask from volunteers, she said, especially since the completion of Colusa Circle.

The response to these problems is the proposed landscape district, which would be a supposed the areas with the pooles.

## **USD** Pioneers the Science Practical Wish Grant-ing

By Daniel S. Levine

RRITO -- The Richmond School District is

itiate a plan called "system for choice," a program to establish specialty schools at the elementary and secondary levels.

"It is our charge to come up with the grants that will drive the systems for choice," said Malloy.
"Aggressively pursuing grants is part of Marks' style."

Marks was hired because of his success in implementing similar programs in other school systems around the country.

The district has had a history of avoiding grants and it has taken more than 15 years to reverse the school board policy. Some charge that the old policy was a reaction against integration.

Malloy said the old policy was "not to apply for any federal money because it implied federal strings which they did not want to have to live with.

"It was a very parochial kind of an attitude," he said, "and it really limited the school district's funding and millions of dollars went unclaimed by a policy which was to deliberately not apply for grants. It's just being undone now."

While the Governmental Relations and Fund Raising office is new to the RUSD, other districts

## **Under the Sidewalk**



The lane is being excavated section by section as part of the city sewer system rehabilitation project.
"They're putting a liner into the existing pipe to cut down on infiltration," Lefler said.
Infiltration is a condition in which ground water seeps into

the pipe, thus overburdening the sewage treatment facility during wet weather.

The project, which began Sept. 1 and should be completed by Christmas, will cost a projected \$727,000, according to Lefler.

The rennovation is funded

partly from city coffers and partly through clean water

partly through clean water grants.

The Buchanan Street work, extending from San Pablo Avenue to east of Cleveland Avenue, is the second in a series of sewer repair projects planned.

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## Police Report

## Phony doctor gets five-cent tablet

The following is a summary of crime that occurred in El Cerrito over the past week, according to police.

Urban jungle

• A juvenile attending Harding Elementary School sprayed a schoolmate in the face with a can of Mace on School grounds Nov.

• A man was arrested by employees at a Lucky store on San Pablo Avenue after he ate some imitation crab meat and then left the store without paying for it Oct. 17. Before being apprehended the man returned to the store and and hit a clerk who had watched him eat the crab meat.

Was it one-way or round trip?
• An unknown person purchased a Delta Airlines ticket from Full Circle Travel Nov. 9 with a fraudulent credit card. The ticket was

valued at \$1,142.

Speaking of trips...

On Oct. 31 a man called the Plaza Pharmacy, stated that he was a doctor and made a phone order prescription for one 5 mg. methadone tablet, valued at five cents. The suspect then went to the pharmacy, paid for and left with the prescription.

Harassment of the press

An unknown person pried the faceplate off seven San Francisco Chronicle newspaper racks on San Pablo Avenue and emptied the coin boxes Nov. 9.

On the road again

An unknown person apparently

On the road again

An unknown person apparently removed the chalk marks placed by police on the front left tire of a vehicle marked as abandoned Nov. 4.

A man was found sleeping in a car parked on Richmond Street Nov. 8. Police took the man into custody after discovering the car had been reported stolen.

Avenue Oct. 30.

Petty theft

A suspect was arrested ing a purse at the El Cer blic Library and remoy Nov 7.

An unknown person a car par Moeser Lane Nov. 9. Lo cash, \$95 property.

An unknown persone residence on Key Boulere 9 and took a purse and from the kitchen, the through cars parked image. The suspect also see work shed but removed large garbage bag.

## Lovers' quarrel ends in arrest

By Bobby Calvan

The following is a summary of incidents occurring in Albany, according to police reports.

Lovers' fisticuffs
end with handcuffs

• A woman made a citizen's arrest after reportedly being beaten
by her boyfriend, who had accused her of infidelity. According to
police, the man had choked his
girlfriend and struck her to the
ground with his fists. After the
altercation, the police report said,
the woman called police to report
a citizen's arrest.

Bowlers' fisticuffs
end in handcuffs

The manager of Albany Bowl
placed two men under citizen's arrest Nov. 9, after the two
reportedly engaged in physical
combat at the facility.

Duo helps itself to loot

Two gas station cashiers, according to police, helped themselves to \$175 in cash receipts from a San Pablo Avenue Shell station and did not show up for their next assigned shifts Nov.

11.

Drug arrest

Police said an Oakland man was arrested Nov. 12 for possessing crack cocaine and two packages of marijuana at a Golden Gate Fields parking lot. The police report did not specify the quantity of drugs confiscated. Thefts, more thefts and even more...

Stolen: 1984 Nissan pick-up truck, Nov. 7, 600 block of Cleveland Street; license plate 2K06781.

Stolen: '74 Toyota pick-up truck, Nov. 7, 1000 block of Solano Avenue; license plate

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Stolen: '77 Toyota ()
Nov. 8, 1100 block of ()
Street; license plate 1PGII
Stolen: '79 Toyota ()
Nov. 9, 1100 block of ()
Avenue; license plate 2AS()
Stolen: gray and ()
O-speed bike from 700 h
Masonic Avenue, Nov. 10.
Stolen: spark pluss re from vehicle on 100 blo Ramona Street, Nov. 9.

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Recovered a Mercury taken from an Albany we dealership. A couple do with the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appardrive, but never returned of the car for an appared of the car for a appared of the car for a appared of the car for a appared of the ca

## Crank caller leaves his mark

By Mandy Erickson

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Death

A man on Kingston Road died
Nov. 14, possibly from a stroke.
His wife called the police.
Window trouble

Window trouble

A Purdue Avenue woman
reported Nov. 9 that someone was
climbing in through the window
of a house on Kenyon Ave. It
turned out to be the resident, who was locked out.

Youth Hut happenings

• A woman reported a strong smell of gas near the Youth Hut kitchen Nov. 9. Kensington Fire Department personnel found that

the pilot light in the Youth Hut
stove was out, and re-lit it.

A boy reported Nov. 12 that
his Honda scooter was missing
from the Youth Hut. Police
found his scooter—other
children had moved it.

Arrests

A Berkeley Man was arrested
Nov. 13. He was booked on suspicion of driving with a suspended
license and taken to the Martinez
jail.

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fiscated marijuana.

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A Kenilworth I
who reported Nov. 8 that
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subsequently left
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Burglan

A Sunset D
reported Nov. 10 the

• An El Cerrito man was ar-rested Nov. 13 for two outstan-

Burglary

A Sunset Drive
reported Nov. 10 that
had been burglarized
was away at work.



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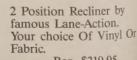
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Berbera Devidson
ne of Albany's first
is, Margaret Corey
res when San Pablo
was a cow trail and the
scalled Ocean View.
is now the entrance to El
laza was once a Spanish
that later became a
y, Nearby was Fisher's
and brothel, now
stailor shop. The site of
where Corey and her
vent to fill their buckets is
any Bowl.
rwo-year-old Margaret

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her family arrived from yeland in 1907, they lived first tent, then a one-room shack, can remember seeing gypsies ped out on Solano Avenue in Street) and hoboes coming ger house for handouts because

When the family went to visit friends in San Francisco, it required taking a train to Oakland and then a train to the ferry boat landing. The journey took two hours each

ed to Albany because there was another Ocean View at Half Moon Bay.

When her family moved into a real house on what is now Adams Street, five-year-old Margaret used to look out at San Pablo Avenue and write down the occasions when she saw a cow, streetcar or horse and buggy go by. Sometimes she would even see a small herd of cattle being driven to the slaughter house located in back of what is now the Orientation Center for the Blind.

Corey laughingly recalls the

time she and her mother chased one of their own family cows. When they caught it, her mother wrapped the cow's tail around a tree to secure it and the tail remained secured long after the cow left the scene of the crime.

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Corey went to Albany Elemen-

Longtime Albany resident Margaret Corey arrived here when she was two; she was here when San Pablo Avenue was a cow trail, and when the city was call-ed Ocean View.

tary School, originally located in farmer Miller's barn. At 12, she began working part-time at a candy and tobacco store at Solano and San Pablo, now Cortese Pharmacy.

At 17 she married Ross Corey.

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In 1922 they opened up Albany's first Ford agency where they sold and repaired Ford cars. However, she confided that each year they drove to Flint, Mich., to buy a new Oldsmobile and drove Fords only as long as they had the agency.

1931. "He originally ran for councilman," said Corey, "but he was made mayor because he received the most votes."

Ross Corey got out of politics after a few years. When bids were made for new street lighting, the paving of San Pablo Avenue and garbage collection, Corey awarded the bids to the lowest bidders instead of accepting the bribes he was offered. "That's why he did not last in politics," said Margaret. "He was a young man and the older men mistakenly thought they could wind' him around their little fingers. I think if honest people stay in politics long enough they will become corrupt. Money corrupts people and there are lots of payoffs in politics."

It was also rumored about town

that Corey beat his wife because black and blue marks were observed on her arms. "I still have bruises," Corey said angrily. "I bruise easily." When asked what she thought of this year's presidential election, she replied, "I hat politics. I had a bellyful." Ross Corey continued working as an attorney until 1955 when he learned he had cancer of the throat. Without saying anything to his wife, he quietly put his affairs in order, went to Tilden Park and fatally shot himself. He left a note saying he killed himself so his darling Margaret, rather than the doctors, would get the money from his estate.

to distribute her husband's case files to other attorneys and to close up the office.

She went into business for herself for five years, purchasing inventories of bankrupt stores. Her Berkeley store, Corey Sales, sold everything from wallpaper and jewelry to furniture and dresses.

Then she began to travel, taking two or three trips a year all over the world. At an age when most people would be sitting in rockers, Corey slept in a tent in Tibet, arriving in a convoy of trucks carrying live chickens on top.

trucks carrying intop.

Today at 83, she is busy gardening, crocheting, caring for her three canine "girls" and two cockatoos and pumping iron at the Albany-El Cerrito Gym.



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Editor:

Since moving to Albany and having only what Century Cable offers its customers, I decided to compare it with Bay Cablevision and what friends in Berkeley can receive. Without cable, Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 20, 44, and especially 32 and 60 are accessible. It was very disappointing to discover that Century Cable can't even deliver channels 32 and 60 which can be picked up only by disconnecting the cable and using old rabbit ears antenna instead.

I have been hearing more and more about the lousy service that Century grudgingly gives its customers, about their molassesslow response to customer calls, about their antiquated and inadequate equipment that frequently breaks down and their unwillingness and/or inability to offer competitive programming and services at competitive prices. For example, we could be getting TTC, the travel channel, AE Arts and Entertainment, KTEH with its nature films and good network



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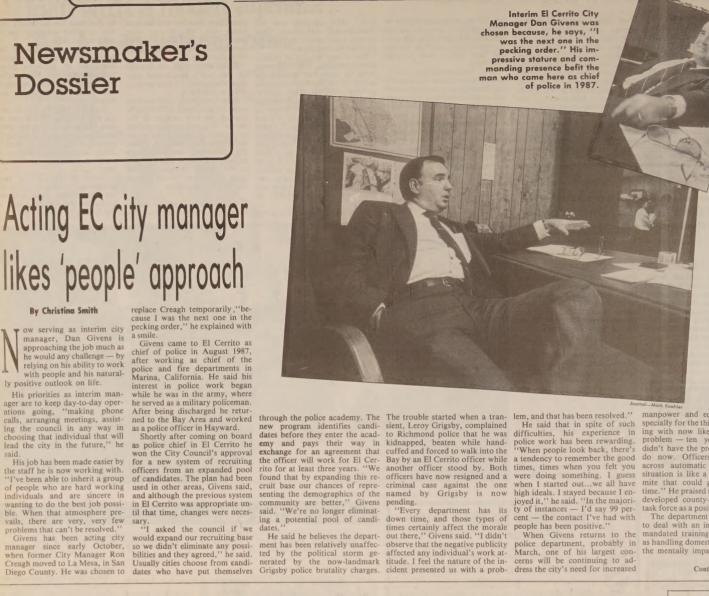
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## Newsmaker's Dossier

# Acting EC city manager likes 'people' approach



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Brothers Hashem
(left) and Saied
Tabatabase are
part of the three
brother team
(Ahmad is not
shown) who are
proud to be opening their own
Casablanca — this
one sans Bogart.

Money

## Information swapping — it's good business

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the exchange, too.

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ocal stars came out to celebrate the grand opening of Albany's newest restaurant, the Casablanca, Oct. 29, wining, dining and dancing until the wee hours to exotic Middle Eastern strains. The gala evening was hosted by owner Hashim Tabatabaee.

The Albany City Council, Chamber of Commerce officers, community leaders and local businessmen and women, 475 of them, were treated to dinner from the menu of traditional Persian food, and entertained by beautiful dancing girls.

Narsai David, famous chef and restaurateur, who was present to judge the food and decor, gave the Casablanca high marks on his KCBS radio program the following Monday.

If the Casablanca's cuisine can be described as down-home Persian, it may be because the new kitchens are supervised by the owners' mother, Soraya, who is training chefs in the intricacies of authentic home cooking Middle Eastern style. The menu includes lamb, beef and chicken dishes with a different specialite de maison every evening, as well as a variety of charbroiled shish kebabs.

Albany club and community openativation members at the

#### Chamber News

## Retail laws bring in new year

By Del Wisenor

no new state retail laws ne effective Jan. 1, 1989. SB deals with finance charge and annual fees. AB 4096 with change of terms, and late (or delinquent)

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The author has vowed that if abuses such as rate gouging occur he would introduce legislation to solve the problem. This is according to the LA Times.

AB 4096 changes the law regarding the notification to buyers of changes in the terms of a revolving charge account in certain limited circumstances beginning Jan. 1.

Under existing law, account holders must be notified of a change fewer than 30 days prior to the effective date of the change or 30 days prior to the beginning of the billing cycle within which the change will become effective, whichever is the earlier date.

This remains the law with respect to the most term changes, including rate increases.

However, under AB 4096, when a rate or fee is being reduced it will be sufficient if it appears on or accompanies the periodic statements mailed to buyers in the

ed it will be sufficient if it appears on or accompanies the periodic statements mailed to buyers in the ordinary course of business.

Pamphlets on this subject are available in the Chamber office at 10506 San Pablo Ave. free of charge.

Volunteers Immune

California Chamber-sponsored legislation to provide immunity for volunteer directors and officers of certain non-profit associations will take effect Jan. 1, 1989.

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SB 1755 (Lockyer) provides protections for good faith but negligent decisions made by volunteers of organizations incorporated under Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

To qualify for the protection, the non-profit group must carry "general liability" insurance coverage. The amount depends on the size of the group's budget.

For example, a group with an

on the size of the group's budget. For example, a group with an annual budget of less than \$50,000 must carry minimum liability coverage of \$500,000. A group with an annual budget equal to or greater than \$50,000 must carry a minimum of \$1 million.

million.

The new law also provides a "pleading hurdle" for some non-profit groups. That means that before volunteer directors and officers of groups such as civic leagues or public golf courses can be sued, the complaining party

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## Givens...

Continued from page 4 increasingly sophisticated telecommunications, and even hazardous waste. "Because officers are often the first ones to arrive at a scene, they are the ones who have to make preliminary decisions so that others are protected," Givens said. "But as the required training increases, the burden falls back on the city and the police department because they don't necessarily have the funds to hire people to cover all the gaps."

When the council met last week with Shannon and Associates, the executive search team now look-ing for a new city manager, Shan-non consultant Steve Kingsford

done through the cooperation of people."
Givens thinks Shannon and Associates will have little trouble finding qualified candidates who would like to begin working for the city. "El Cerrito has so much to offer that will attract outstanding individuals," he said. "Where the city will have a problem is in choosing among—rather than finding one—outstanding candidate."



## On The Calendar

with a value or test and to 10 a.m. officer Ed Delatorre will auction off nany bicycles, typewriters, a microfiche eader, a Monroe cash receipts machine, ffice supplies and some electronic ripment. The event will be held at the north side

of the police station.

The Contra Cost Office of Education offers assistance to job seekers by providing programs on job searching, resume writing, the value of positive attitude, dressing for success, market resources and

The Kensington Senior Center will hold its fourth annual Silent Auction on Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.
The center, at 52 Arlington Ave., will be closed on Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving

· Finish Feeder

## Club Corner

El Cerrito Rotary

Because November is Rotary Foundation Month Hank Covell will give a
presentation on the Foundation and its important activities at the Nov. 17 meeting.
Jacqueline Hetman, retired school principal, presented a slide show at the Nov.
10 meeting on polar bears in Hudson Bay,
Canada.
El Cerrito Rotary Club meets at the Cerrito City Club Thursdays at 12:15 p.m.

quired. For further information call 642-3343.

The Women's Club of El Cerrito
Recent projects of the club include providing terrifying witches for the Halloween witch house at the EC Plaza. The club has also contributed to the Souper Kitchen's Thanksgiving dinner.

Members are currently raising funds by selling Entertainment '89 discount coupon books with bargains in dining, viewing and amusement. Coupons for restaurants area-wide, Reno hotels, Giants and A's games, movies and much more are included. Call Pat Berndt at 525-2677 or 527-5333 to buy a book.

Send news of your club's doings to The Journal Club Corner, P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito 94530.

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The Casablanca is the most recent enterprise of the Tabatabaee brothers, Hashim, Saied and Ahmad, who began as restaurateurs in Albany at the Hickory Pit in 1976. In 1981 they acquired the popular Cafe del Sol on Solano Avenue. The brothers razed the old M & L bar and built the new Casablanca from the

526-4385

Liotta, a tie; honorable mention, Emalene Paulson.

Members' works are currently on exhibition as follows: Dorothy Minnich at the El Cerrito Community Center; Rose Sulton at the El Cerrito Library; Harriett McGinnis at the Mechanics Bank and the El Cerrito Plaza; Clyde Morton at the Cittorps Bank; Lauriel Anderson at Bartel's Realty. Group exhibitions are on view at the Herrick Hospital Alzheimer's Clinic and the Hazel Shirley Manor.

Friends of the Richmond Library
The Friends will hold their regular quarterly meeting on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Madeline Whittlesey Community Room of the Main Library.
Following a business meeting Marco fonzales will present The Living History Troupe of Early California who appear in appropriate costume and discuss events of early history on the California ranchos.
The public is invited.

ground up. "It's been our dream," said Hashim, "to build a new place just the way we wanted with state of the art facilities." Tabatabaee said they chose the name Casablanca because it suggests a romantic Persian atmosphere. "And it's associated with the classic American movie," he said, "making it easy to remember." A poster from the 1942 movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman hangs on the entrance wall.

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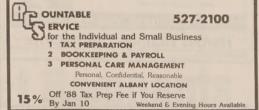
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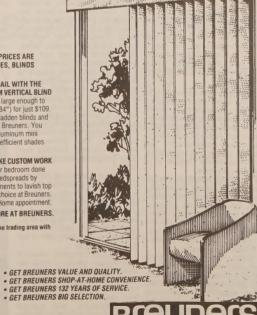
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# Sports In Action

## Gauchos lose championship hopes in crush by Spartans

By Molly Absolon
El Cerrito's varsity Gauchos
last week lost their chance for the
Bay Valley Athletic League football championship to the De La
Salle Spartans, who handed them
a 29-13 loss on Gaucho turf
Thursday night.
"'Defensively, the team
couldn't handle some of the stuff
De La Salle threw at them," said
El Cerrito head coach Frank
Milo.

Milo.
"And offensively, De La Salle took away the things we like to

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"The momentum of the game changed when they called back that touchdown play," said Milo.
"With that play we would have gone into the locker room ahead."

Throughout the game, the Gauchos managed to gain a total of only 75 yards.

De La Salle quarterback Lou Donati, who, unlike Jones, had the time for thought provided by strong defense, passed for a total gain of 242 yards and three touchdowns.

It took the Spartans just six plays to score their first touchdown and extra point, starting the score with a 7-0 lead.

With 3:12 remaining in the first quarter, Gaucho running back Flovial Hollins fielded a Spartan

punt at the Gaucho 20 yard line, but lost control of the ball. El Cerrito nose guard Josanni Goree snatched it up, dodged Andre Butler's diving tackle and ran the ball into the end zone.

It was Goree's first of three fumble recoveries for the evening. In the second quarter, De La Salle's running back Matt Crizbe carried the ball in for a touchdown. El Cerrito blocked De La Salle's kick and the score was 13-6.

Later in the quarter, a De La Salle player fumbled the El Cerrito punt and Goree recovered the ball. On the second play of El Cerrito's possession, running back Antonio Fant slipped through De La Salle's defense to score.

During the second half, Donati hit Butler in the third quarter raising the score to 22-13.

With 3:17 left in the game, Donati escaped from Gaucho tight end Jamir Miller, and passed off to Crisbe who was wide open in the end zone. The extra point attempt was good and the score was 29-13.

The Gauchos threatened to come back in the fourth quarter, but De La Salle held them to the end.

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out De La Saile neid them to the end.

The final score of 29-13 clinched a share of the Bay Valley Athletic League for De La Salle.

El Cerrito plays its last home game against Berkeley High School on Friday.

## Cougar women spike win league but can't take playoff victory hom

By Tim Loird

Over the years it's been around this time that the student body at Albany High School turns its attention from football to volleyball. It looks like this year will be no exception.

The Cougar women's varsity volleyball team is at it again. The team was just defeated in the North Coast Section playoffs after starting strong with an easy defeat last Thursday over Alameda. The win was the only one out of four playoffs, however, as the Cougars were defeated 7-15 in their last game against Campolindo. Earlier they lost 10-15 and 4-15, adding up to an elimination after an outstanding season.

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The Cougars went undefeated in league this season, compiling a perfect 13-0 record.

They followed that triumph by knocking out Bishop O'Dowd last Friday in Piedmont. The two conquests meant that Albany had

won its league playoffs, as vanced the team into the secent playoff round, the locast Section.

In their earlier playoffs, one against O'Dowd Albany's way by a score in needs to win three games the match) against O'Dowd Albany's way by a score of All in all it was relative for the Cougars, as they let start to finish, at one time had a 6-1 lead en route to a like win.

a 6-1 lead en route to a 16, win.

Game two had far the results. Knowing their bath, pinned to the wall and offewas staring them in the paragons came out sm Before the spectators could be their seats following the between games, O'Dowl 9-0 lead.

Albany shot back with from MaGaw and senior Lackey, closing the gap is However, the Dragons pure Continued as Continued as Continued as Same Page 18 and 1

## 53-6 loss ends Cougar football

By Tim Laird

The Albany High School's football season came to an end last Thursday afternoon with a 53-6 loss at Alameda. The Cougars ended the rough season with a six game losing streak.

This is the same team that started the year with three wins in its first four games. Injuries and poor play ruined a promising start.

Alameda's Mike Ross is the main reason the Hornets blew out the Cougars. Ross rushed for 194 y ards and scored two touchdowns.

Hornets' quarterback Craig Martinez threw two touchdown passes and Jason LeMoine and James Simon went for long

TOTAL

touchdown runs in helpin Alameda cause.
The Hornets scored jus minutes into the game whet tinez hit Jim Koch with a lit touchdown pass.
Two Cougars and one hewere ejected from the game second half of the man contest.
Alameda finished with record in the ESAL and record overall. Albany in 1-6 in ESAL play and 3-7 or

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## **Business Scene**

By Michael S. Holmi

Brave toy soldiers, menacing mice, sugar plum fairies and the beauty of ballet — our holiday season would not be complete with hout NUTCRACKER. BERKELEY CONSERVATORY BALLET'S production of this Christmas classic returns this year to delight audiences at Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley on December 17 and 18.

Now in its 14th season, the production features the traditional Tchaikovsky score, lavish sets and choreography after Petipa-Ivanov by artistic director Grace Doty.

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Grace Doty, well known in the international dance community as well as the San Francisco Bay Area, has danced as principal dancer for Alan Howard's Pacific Ballet and more recently with the elite of the ballet world during to years of international tours with Ballet Spectacular.

"Ballet has been my life's work, beginning with my fascination as a young child with every little girl's dream of pink satin ballet slippers," commented Grace "and then actually seeing the dance and the costuming in person changed that fascination into my reality."

The Berkeley Conservatory Ballet was founded in 1974 to provide intensive training and performing experience that is required of young dancers wishing

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Dragons when Lackey rose high in the air and spiked the volleyball for a point, making the final score Albany 15, O'Dowd 8. Thus Albany won the match three games to one.

games to one.

Head coach Debbie Wanlin and coaches Bruce Downing and John Newman have the team playing outstanding ball. Here are just a few of the reasons why Albany has another league title under its

The hitting on the team has improved. The passing (as important to volleyball as pitching is to baseball) is superior to that of Cougar opponents. Passing is the ingredient that sets up the play. Strong passing has allowed the Cougars to go with a diverse attack.

The team has a good blocking defense. Because the Cougars have two outstanding blockers in Ringold and MaGaw, the team gains a lot of points from its defense.

Most important is the Cougars' teamwork. "When we play together as a team, we are almost

teamwork. "When we play together as a team, we are almost unstoppable," said Lackey.

## Eagles bound for playoffs despite loss to Piedmont St. Mary's defeat

was key factor

Far right, Kennedy's Kwame Reed distracts Piedmont. Right, Kennedy's Jason Harvey has the ball knocked out of his grasp.

#### By Holley Martins

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RICHMOND -- John F.

Kennedy-Richmond High School
may have to settle for being cochampions of the East Shore
Athletic League, but the Eagles'
will still have their season extended at least one more week as
ESAL representative in the North
Coast Section 2A playoffs.





JFK (7-3) and Alhambra (9-1), the Foothill Division champion of the Diablo Foothill Athletic League, will meet Friday in a 7:30 p.m. contest at Contra Costa Col-lege. The matchup was made at the NCS seeding meeting Nov. 13 in Panyille

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tie with JFK for the ESAL crown. Both schools finished with 6-1 records in league competition.

Against Piedmont, the Eagles got on the board first on Erick McDaniel's 23 yard scoring run. The Highlanders came back to take a 14-7 advantage, but a 15 yard scoring pass from Eagle quarterback Jason Harvey to Alonzo Gartrell, plus a two-point conversion, gave JFK a 15-14 lead at the half.

With the game tied 22-22 in the fourth quarter, Harvey and Gartrell teamed up on a 14 yard scor-

said, "so the artificial turf (at Contra Costa) should be an advantage."
Silveira also said that, player for player, his Bulldogs do not match up well with the Eagles.
St. Mary's bid for an at-large berth in the playoffs was passed over in favor of De Anza of Richmond.



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# Class Notes

## Albany School District Open your textbooks: new adult classes

ALBANY — Outlines of three new courses for the Albany Adult School were presented to the School Board at its Nov. 8 meeting. If approved by the board, botanical drawing, mature driver improvement and a course called "You are unique" will be offered during the winter quarter. The botanical drawing course would teach beginning and advanced students to "draw plants by becoming familiar with basic plant anatomy and drawing concepts and techniques."

The non-prerequisite course would be taught once a week for 10 weeks, in two-hour sessions. Instructor Julie Leech expects students to be able to identify plant parts through class presentations and handouts and to sketch and illustrate plants, using the techniques covered in the

class, by the end of the course.
"Mature driver improvement" is intended for drivers age 55 and over who want to update and improve their skills behind the

over who want to update and improve their skills behind the wheel.

It would be especially recommended for those planning to renew their California driver's license or who want to apply for a reduction in their automobile insurance. The course would have no prerequisite and would consist of four sessions of two hours each.

of four sessions of two hours each.

The third course, "You are unique," taught by Vivienne Sinclair, would run over two quarters of 10 weeks each.

According to the outline, classes would focus on "self discovery and personal growth through reading and discussion on three major themes: developing and maintaining a healthy body, a healthy mind, and a

philosophy for life." The primary textbook would be "You are extraordinary," by Roger J. Williams.

Sinclair explains that "since the course is designed to stimulate self-directed reading and study in subjects of personal interest, there is no specific pass-fail point."

In other business, the

there is no specific pass-fail point."

In other business, the board appointed 10 community members to its Facilities Study Committee. Most of the appointees are parents of Albany students. The committee's purpose is to help prepare district facilities for an anticipated substantial increase in enrollment, especially at the elementary level.

The new committee members "will plan for the future, and study the best use of our facilities," said Janice Smith, the district's director of business services.

## **Schools Calendar**

Secondary schools will issue report cards on November 18.

The Thanksgiving vacation begins with a minimum day on Wednesday, November 23, and holidays on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

The phone number for the Richmond Unified School District is 234-3825.

Castro Elementary

Nov. 23: Minimum day

Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving holidays

Call the school at 234-6200.

Fairmont Elementary

Nov. 19: Flea Market, Snack Bar and Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., schoolyard.

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Nov. 23: Minimum day

Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving holidays

Call the school at 525-5235.

Harding Elementary

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Nov. 17: Family Portraits, 6-9 p.m., auditorium

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Kensington Elementary
Gifted-Talented
Nov. 19: Garden Party Silent Auction
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Nov. 23: Minimum day
Nov. 24:25: Thanksgiving holidays
Call the school at 526-7343.

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Madera Elementary
Nov. 22: PTA Cultural Arts Assembly,
Pacific-Asian Storytelling, 9 a.m. and 10
a.m., Multipurpose Room
Nov. 23: Minimum day
Nov. 24-25: Thanksgiving holidays
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## Mira Vista Elementary Classical Studies

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## ocal artists echo themes of the past in Weir's Source exhibit

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She is also an articulate esperson for the highest ations of Art, and the new since and its RETURN: Source and its, running through Dec. combines a homey, local athere with her sincere attendant operating the show, which features to present quality.

The show, which features to be over a dozen local aris worth a look; the occapidul entry is made up for yellow lord or obvious talent, a stand-out of the show, at interms of shock value, is a diedla installation by Richardist Alan Rutberg. It confirmany pieces arranged in a

self-contained area of the small gallery. "He brings in a huge trunk of objects and assembles the piece here," according to Weir.

The Rutberg installation is a combination of photographs and a large variety of objects, from rotted pears to a bucket of water with fake fruit in it. ("The other day, a dog came and drank from the water, so I guess it really is an interactive piece," says Weir.) Each object is loaded with symbolic imagery, and the combinations they are placed in complicate their standard connotations in a startling way.

The piece seems linked thematically by a questioning of religious issues. Several photographs present different lines from the 23rd Psalm cut out and arranged in disarray. A bronzed baby boto sits in a nest of hay reminiscent of the babe in the manger. A devil hangs from a puppeteer's strings.

"If someone was a Catholic,"

they could be offended by some of this," says Weir, waving her hand toward a drawing of Christ on the wall that has the eyes covered up by a ruler with the Hebrew alphabet on it. Yet this macabre aspect, which includes objects such as a series of photos of Hitler chatting with children, is only one side of the piece's vitality.

objects such as a series of Hitler chatting with children, is only one side of the piece's vitality.

There is also a great deal of innocence in the piece, with its amalgamation of neglected, forlorn objects. The objects here would be forgotten if not for the artist's careful attention; the piece speaks eloquently against our fast-paced society's quick memory and throw away mentality.

The title of the show represents Weir's belief that ''We're returning to the art of the past. We're in a post-modern age. We're returning to subjects such as figures and a landscapes, which were popular in the '50s. I'm sick of art that Continued on page 18



"The Ultimate Weapon (After the Atòmic Bomb)," a sculpture by local artist Max Alfert on display at the Weir Gallery makes a whimsical political statement through art.

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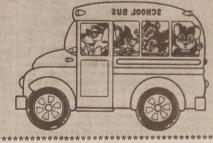
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## Murder...

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a suspected homicide. "We've had some very suspicious deaths, but nothing (in the past) that was chargeable," said Wood, who joined the department in November 1987 and could not remember the last murder investigation.

Garver would not enter a plea at her hearing Tuesday, said a court clerk. For that reason she was scheduled for a hearing Nov. 22 at Bay Municipal Court to be given counsel.

## Cable...

Continued from page 1
kept, and the service reps at the office would simply offer to schedule another appointment.

She mentioned the problems to her neighbors and discovered they were having similar problems. She called the city of El Cerrito for help and discovered she could fill out a complaint form which goes to the city manager, which she did.

Interim City Manager Dan Givens said his office received 30 written complaints about Bay Cablevision during the months of September and October, and many more phone calls. During the recent conversion of outdated underground lines, "We would be getting as many as 12 to 15 calls a day over a period of a week," said Givens. "A vast majority of those people did not submit a written complaint to us." At this point, he said, he believes most of the problems have been resolved.

Another customer who filed a complaint with the city said she was never told that Bay Cablevision has its own system for handling complaints. "The last time I made an appointment before the cable finally got hooked up, I asked, "Where can I complain?" said Kirsti Bellows. "She wouldn't tell me. She said I could only talk to her and all she knew was what the computer screen said."

Both she and Blofstein said the office staff implied that the prob-

said."

Both she and Blofstein said the office staff implied that the problems they were having were their own fault. "Every time I called the office they made it sound like there must be something wrong with me, that no one else was having this problem," Bellows said.

Earl Young, Bay Cablevision's

general manager, said the company has a complaint procedure that is carefully followed by customer service representatives. If the subscriber is unhappy, the problem first goes to the district manager and then the general manager, he said. "Any complaint we get, we immediately address it, send people out and solve the problem," Young said. "We're in the service business. Who wants an unhappy customer?"

He acknowledged that poor re-

"We're in the service business. Who wants an unhappy customer?"

He acknowledged that poor reception had been a temporary problem due to faulty work of one contractor, but said that was quickly remedied. "I'm satisfied that we did an outstanding job, especially in light of problems with that one contractor," he said.

He called the reception trouble "old news" and said most of the complaints were due to people not understanding how to use the new equipment, which no longer requires that viewers switch manually from one set of cable channels to another. Information about the conversion was published in the West County Times and Bay Cablevision's guide, but Young said many people simply didn't bother to inform themselves.

"Surveys suggest the public is in large part uninformed and chooses to remain so; they don't know and they don't want to know. It's most discouraging," Young said. Bay Cablevision is organizing tours to show subscribers the improvements that have been made and is currently developing a commercial that explains how to use the new system.

Blofstein and Bellows also mentioned problems in obtaining credit for the time they were without cable reception.

#### Humane Society Pet of the Week



## Fluffy Puff

Puff, a lovable grey tabby, could be yours if you stop by the the Humane society and adopt her. For more informa-tion about Puff, or other animals available for adoption, call 845-3633.

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According to the Public Works
Department at the county, the tax
on a landscaping district would
run about \$15 to \$20 a year per
household.

If KCSD decides to add a land-

If KCSD decides to add a land-scaping district to its jurisdiction, Kensington residents would have to approve it with a vote. Brody said at this point she would prefer that the county govern the landscaping district. Kensington General Manager and Police Chief James Bray would manage the landscaping district if KCSD governed it, she said. "Right now his duties take up a good portion of his time," Brody

said. "That's a lot to put on

said. "That's a lot to put on him."

KCSD director Larry Thal argued that if a landscaping district were governed by KCSD, Kensington residents would have more control over it. He added that the cost of having the county govern it would probably be more than if KCSD managed it.

"The advantage of the community having an involvement in it may outweigh the benefits of going through the county," he said.

KCSD members are waiting for

said.

KCSD members are waiting for more information on the costs of each alternative before they make a decision.

## Grants...

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of similar size have long had such departments. These districts applied for grants year after year, according to Malloy, and "are in better shape because they didn't have to spend their own funds doing things that others were willing to finance."

Aiding the district's success in obtaining grants are new federal regulations that provide funding for "magnet schools" like systems for choice.

"We have much more focus, which makes it easier for the granting agencies to focus on us," said Assistant Director of Funding and Development Laurel Barton.

"That gives them more of a target," said Barton. "And certainly, if we happen to be in line with the way the federal government is moving with the programs it's funding, and we are, that makes it easier for us than say another district that might be following some other

## Albany...

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According to City Clerk Jac-qeline Bucholz, Albany is one of a few cities in the state that holds a special election in April. The city pays for the election, which con-cerns only city matters. April's election cost Albany almost

election cost Albany almost \$14,000.

"Why do this when you only get 17 percent of the voters?" asked Bucholz.

The city had wanted to include its ballot in the county's for November even-numbered years. Bucholz said that the cost would have been about \$6,000.

But Alameda County said that its computer capacity is full and cannot accept any more ballots for that date. The council is now considering whether to put the city ballot on November odd-

numbered years, April numbered years or in June Bucholz said the cost wo somewhere between \$6.00 \$14,000.

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Albany residents will vote on an election date. If they vote for it, council terms would be extended the next election would on the time for the scheduler.

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## Mazda comes out with sporty sedan

While Mazda may have not done much to improve the character of the base model 323s they have added a pair of sporty models. Overall this has improved them in virtually every direction, maturing the 323 into a known and reliable product.

The 323 model now includes a GTX model which features fourwheel drive and a sporty sedan called the GT. This has broadened the price base of the 323 from \$6,000 up to \$13,000 for the four-door GTX four wheel drive sedan.

wish that Mazda had gone a little extra distance with a few other items. The 323's options gave it most of the luxuries that one would expect from a higher line automobile. It was automatic (which I didn't enjoy). It had air conditioning, power steering (which I did enjoy) and plenty of little courtesy items like remote mirrors and interior lights that stayed on for a few seconds after you closed the door.

Good vision

The body style has a slight aero-look which has taken much of the older boxy styling away. The high glass area remains, giving all the occupants a clear view of the passing world.

The trunk is surprisingly big for such a small automobile. The folding rear seat flips forward to open the trunk up into a large cargo area with carpet. The back seat splits so you can still carry a back seat passenger while simultaneously carrying a lengthy piece of cargo, like skis. The only disappointment with this arrangement is that you cannot secure the trunk, as it is impossible to lock the flip-down back seat.

The sedan's four doors are all large, and open wide allowing for easy access to the front and rear spaces. These, combined with good sized rear footwells and a respectable amount of leg room (considering the size of the 323) allow back seat passengers to travel in reasonable comfort. The rear seat is firm and comfortable with an upright back and an arm rest.

My children were quite happy heaverst the content of the property of the carrier of the property o

rest.

My children were quite happy because the seats this year have more sculpturing and give better support. The front seats are quite comfortable but a little on the



The \$10,500 LX Sedan has luxuries usually found in more expensive cars

Radio detracts

The factory stereo is AM/FM and includes a tape deck with graphic equalizer. This unit is mounted low in the center console and requires an "eyes off the road" operation to use it correctly. I would have preferred it mounted higher in the dash, as it has good sound reproduction and a reasonably good receiver for FM. Other interior touches include a center armrest with storage box and a coin holder in the dash.

The steering wheel has a semisoft grip with small horn buttons on each of the two spokes. The lights, wipers and turn signals are mounted on two stalks on the steering column and easy to operate. The driving position is clear and well placed.

The power assisted steering has a pleasant feel which is a distinct

improvement on the last 323 I drove. Under hard acceleration the steering does get a torque steer feel (the wheels turn in the direction of the mechanically-induced twisting of the powertrain).

Under normal driving situations the 323 is a pleasant but bland little car. The up-line GT and GTX models are a world apart from the base model 323. They have a sporty heart with urbocharged twin cam and four valve engines which develop 132 horsepower. They are hot performers and have both had considerable rating success overseas. If small and sporty is your idea of a fun commuter, then these cars are well worth a visit to your local dealer.

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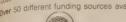
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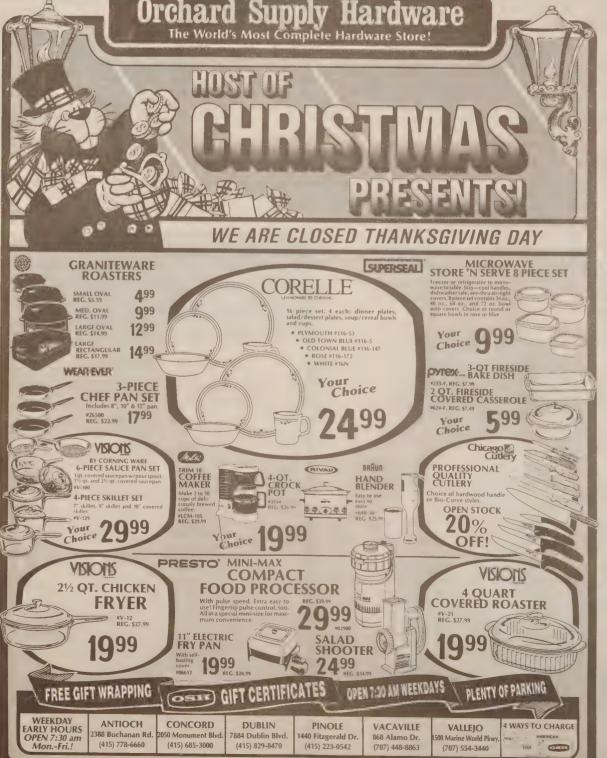


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# People still fired up about cooking

By GraceAnn Walden

Do people cook anymore? From the response received to our Home Cookin' Contest, the answer is most definitely yes. Lots of people are cooking, and we're not just talking about traditional homemakers.

Working husbands and wives are firing up those pots and pans, as are retired

Most people, of course, cook to eat, but many also cook as a creative outlet and for relaxation. And if our recent contest is any indicator, the results of these kitchen magicians couldn't be better.

The three categories for the Home Cookin' Contest were soups or salads; main dishes, including vegetarian, and desserts. As a food columnist for The Montclar-

Judges local food experts

By GraceAnn Walden

Rising admirably to the task of judging was our sole male judge, Paul Ferrari, who was leaving on a business trip to Paris the very next morning.

Single, and in his 30s, Ferrari is one of the partners of Ultra Lucca's, which his grandfather started in 1919. Ferrari does most of his creative cooking in the firm's commissary.

Diane Yasuda comes to the food business through education and marriage. A nutrition major at U.C. Berkeley, she is married to Glen Yasuda of the Berkeley Bowl market. Despite working a full day with her husband at the market, Diane cooks dinner for her family every night.

Mary Stanleigh's name may not be a household word, but local folks have greatly enjoyed her delicious Mary B. Best ice cream. Mary left the ice cream busiion, I reviewed all entries and picked three finalists in each category.

On the day of the tasting, which was held at Ultra Lucca's in Montclair, I prepared

> GraceAnn Walden prepared her winning salad Ultra Lucca's kitchen

all nine dishes and served them to our distinguished panel of judges. The judges' task was to rank three finalists in each category, choosing first-, second- and thirdplace winners.



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Montclair native Barbara kerman is convention sermanager for the Oakof Convention and Visitors where she entertains

igng VIPs at local restauols. She finds cooking on extends very relaxing, and wially enjoys baking. She

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gives home-baked goods to friends for the holidays.

Dorotea Durante is an accomplished soprano in addition to being a wife and grandmother. She is married to Martin Durante, proprietor of Oakland's well-known Ratto's International Grocery and Restaurant. Dorotea oversees the lunchroom, where Ratto's serves delicious pasta, soups and sandwiches. She has always enjoyed cooking, and recently took a cooking class in Bologna, Italy.

## And the winners are

By GraceAnn Walden

Soups or salads

Although there's a chill in the air, we had only two soup entries in this category but, oh, what salads!

Our first-prize winner is one of two double-prize winners, Roxanne Chan of Albany. Roxanne grows her own vegetables and herbs and creates recipes to enhance her fresh produce. This mother of a 10-month

#### 'Our first-prize winner is one of two double-prize

old says that recipe contests are her hobby. Her entry in the Home Cookin' Contest is her 150th win.

winners'

Last year Roxanne won a Renault car in a Brach's candy contest. Despite the added work of her new baby, she still enjoys cooking daily meals. Her specialties are salads and sauces.

Apple, Cheese and Nut Salad

1 bunch watercress, washed, tough stems removed 3 red apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

1/4 lb. smoked gouda cheese cut into julienne strips 1/2 cup walnut halves

Dressing:

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3 tbsp olive oil 1 tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp honey 1/4 tsp ground allspice

This can be served on a platter or as individual composed salads. For each serving: Place the watercress on the plate and arrange the apple, cheese and walnuts around and on top of the watercress. Combine the ingredients for the dressing. Drizzle over the top. Serves

Our second-place winner, Naomi Schoenholz of Oakland, tries out her new creations at her own dinner parties. She started entering recipe contests after her mother won the grand prize in a Contra Costa Times

#### Super Spinach Salad

I bunch spinach

2 hardboiled eggs

1/2 cup finely chopped celery

1/4 finely chopped onion

1 cup grated sharp cheddar

1/4 tsp Tabasco sauce 1 tsp salt

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 tbsp horseradish

Trim ends from spinach and wash thoroughly. Strip off any tough stems. Drain and spin dry. Peel and chop hardboiled eggs and combine with celery, onion, cheese and spinach. Combine Tabasco, salt, mayonnaise and horseradish. Mix with spinach and refrigerate at least half an hour. Serves 4.

Third-prize winner Donna Bersaglieri is the other double-prize winner. Her interests include baking and Italian cooking.

#### Salad Seville

I head butter lettuce, washed, dried, and torn into pieces 1/2 cup zucchini, cut into 1

1/2 cup jicama, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch julienned

I large orange, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 small sweet red onion,

peeled and thinly sliced 1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted

Toss ingredients together in a large bowl.

#### Orange Vinaigrette

1/3 cup salad oil (or part ol-

3 tbsp balsamic vinegar 1 tbsp freshly squeezed or-

ange juice

1/2 tsp prepared pesto (homemade or store-bought) salt and pepper to taste

Whisk the vinaigrette dressing in a bowl, making sure all ingredients are well combined. Transfer dressing to a jar and allow to stand two hours or more for flavors to blend.

At serving time, shake the dressing well and pour over salad, tossing gently. Serves

#### Main Dishes

The main dish category was the only category that was a little disappointing to me as a recipe judge. Although we had many delicioussounding entries, quite a few of them relied on highly processed foods. I know most of us like to save time. but I think it's important to avoid some of these processed foods, which are loaded with chemicals, fats and salt. All our main dish winners used fresh ingredients. Their dishes are absolutely delicious.

Our first-prize winner, Hillary White of Walnut Creek, won by one point. Hillary works in the medical field in a high-pressure job, and unwinds by creating and revising gourmet recipes.

#### Sesame Chicken

8 half-breasts of chicken (4 Continued on page 6



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whole) boned and skinned

1/3 cup soy sauce 1/3 cup dry sherry

1/4 cup sugar

2 cups cornstarch

1/2 cups sesame seeds

Vegetable oil for frying

#### Dips:

There are two dips: 1) Mix together 1/2 cup apricot preserves and 1/2 cup hoisin sauce.

2) Chinese hot mustard in the jar.

Slice the chicken in 1 1/2-inch-wide pieces. Mix together in a bowl with the soy sauce, sherry and sugar. Add the chicken and marinate for half an hour in the refrigerator.

In a separate bowl, mix together the cornstarch and sesame seeds. Drain chicken and roll each piece in the cornstarch mixture. As each piece becomes coated, place it on a cookie sheet or piece of aluminum foil. Let sit on your counter for half an hour

Heat oil in a large skillet (about 1/2 inch deep) and fry the chicken on medium heat until golden brown on each side. Drain on paper towels. The frying will have to be done in several batches; the chicken can be kept warm by covering and placing in oven at 200 degrees

Serve with apricot/hoisin sauce and a separate bowl of Chinese hot mustard.

Serves 6 to 8 as an entree, and more as an hors d'oeuvre.

Our second-prize winner is once again Roxanne Chan of Albany. She narrowly missed first place with this delicious recipe.

#### **Turkey Patties Piccata**

1 pound ground raw turkey

1/4 cup fine bread crumbs 1 tsp white wine Worcestershire sauce 2 then cooking oil

1 cup turkey or chicken broth 1/4 cup plain yogurt

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1 tbsp Dijon style mustard

1 tbsp capers

- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- 2 tbsp snipped dill or dried
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon peel 1 green onion, finely minced 1/4 cup shredded carrot 1/8 tsp ground white pepper

Contest winners (from left) Roxanne Chan, apple, cheese and nut salad; Hillary White, sesame chicken; Donna Bersaghieri, pear pie

In a mixing bowl combine the turkey, egg, crumbs, and Worcestershire sauce well. Shape into 8 patties, had a large skillet, brown the pa a large skinet, or a ties in the oil. Add broth Cover and simmer for a minutes. Remove patties and place in a dish to keep warm

Combine the yogurt, constarch and lemon juice with the mustard. Add to the par juices. Cook, stirring, um the sauce is thick and bubble Stir in the remaining ing dients. Heat through. Plan the turkey patties on a sen ing platter, and pour saw over top and serve. Serves4

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Our third-place winner is a retiree from Berkeley, Albert Benson. Albert submitted one of the handful of vegetarian recipes. Albert is not a recent convert to vegetarianism; he became one in college while working his way through school as a busboy at a vegetarian restaurant.

Cheese Soybean Loaf

5 cups cooked soybeans

2 cloves garlic

1 cup whole wheat bread crumbs

1 cup finely chopped vegetables that can include: zuc chini, celery, parsley, shredded

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1 cup tofu (soft style) 3 ounces grated parmesan

3 eggs

3 slices cheddar cheese

Oil a pyrex loaf pan. Whiz soybeans in a food processor, or mash with a potato masher. Combine soybeans with the rest of the ingredients and mix thoroughly with your hands.

Place in loaf pan, covering with aluminum foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes. Uncover and place cheese on top. Put back in oven for 5 minutes to melt cheese. Let cool slightly before slicing.

Desserts

Our last category, desserts,

was the most difficult for me andge. According to statistics, people may be cooking less desserts, but they're certainly creating some delicious ones. We received scores of wonderful entries, and it was hard picking the finalists. But pick I did, and here are

Our first-prize winner in the dessert category goes to salad winner Donna Bersalgieri of Montclair. Dona says she cooks complete dinners every night, but that baking is her first love. She also is employed in the medical field, and got hooked on contests when she entered the Tribune's and won.

Fresh Pear Pie with Pecan Crunch Topping

3/4 cup chopped pecans 6 cups peeled and sliced fresh pears (about 8 pears)

1/3 cup flour

1/3 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon 1/4 tsp cardamom

6 tbsp butter or margarine

1 9-inch deep dish pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 de-

Sprinkle 1/4 cup chopped pecans over the bottom of the pastry, pressing in slightly. Chill.

In a large bowl, gently combine the pears with the granulated sugar and 2 tablespoons of the flour. In a separate bowl, mix the remaining flour with the brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon, and cardamom. Add the butter and mix until crumbly, squeezing the mixture with your fingers. Turn pear mixture into the pastry shell and distribute the topping evenly over the pears

Bake at 375 degrees for approximately 40 minutes or until browned. Cool and serve as is or slightly warm with whipped cream or a small scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Serves 6 to 8.

Our second-prize winner, Jean Lily of Berkeley, is in the food business. A life-long home cook, Jean has also assisted Jeremiah Tower and Judith Ets-Hokin, Presently she works part-time helping people with entertaining.

Semolina Cream Crown with Raspberry Sauce

Mixture A:

2 cups milk 1 vanilla bean, scraped 1/4 tsp salt

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1 cup heavy cream

Mixture B:

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1 envelope plain gelatin 1/4 cup cold water

Sauce:

2 pints fresh raspberries 4 tbsp Framboise liquor or Kirsch

1/2 cup super fine sugar

In a blender, puree berries, reserving a dozen good-looking berries for garnishing. Add to the puree the liquor and the sugar. Refrigerate.

Put all Mixture A ingredients in a heavy bottomed saucepan, and bring to a boil, whisking constantly. As soon as the mixture boils, lower the heat and simmer gently until thick, about 5 minutes.

Combine Mixture B and stir to dissolve gelatin. Mix gelatin into hot semolina, stirring thoroughly. Cool in refrigerator but do not let it set

Whip cream until just stiff and fold into cooled semolina mixture.

Oil a 4-cup mold and pour in. Chill several hours. To unmold, gently run a bread knife around the mold and dip the mold in a basin of hot water for 20 seconds. Cover with a plate and unmold. Serve with raspberry sauce only at time of serving.

Third place goes to Oakland native Mary Lou Kin-cannon, who works part-time as a dietary supervisor at a local hospital and partime at a Montclair catering firm. This Skyline High School graduate considers desserts her specialty. We can attest to that.

#### Cheesecake Cookies

1/3 cup butter 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 cup flour

1 cup chopped walnuts 1/4 cup sugar

8-ounce package cream cheese, softened

1 egg

1 tbsp milk

1 tbsp lemon juice

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Cream butter with brown sugar in small bowl. Add flour and walnuts. Mix well to make a crumb-like mixture. Reserve one cup of this mixture, and press remainder into the bottom of an 8-inch square pan. Bake at 350 desagrance.



Judges Dorotea Durante and Paul Ferrari rate the dishes

grees for 12 to 15 minutes until lightly browned.

Blend sugar with cream cheese in a small mixing bowl until smooth. Add mil, egg, lemon juice and vanilla. Beat well. Spread this mixture over the baked crust. Sprinkle with the cup of reserved crumb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes.

Cool; cut into small squares. Store in the refrigerator. Makes about 24 squares.

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